

School Counselor Updates
October, 2007

Dear Counselors,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Regional Counselor Workshops in September. Record attendance was set at the 7 sites with a total of 1800 counselors! If you were unable to attend or if you'd like to reference power points and handouts from the workshop, see <http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Educational-Services/Youth-Services/>

Click on the Guidance Services link and you'll see the first page of our recently overhauled Guidance and Counseling Program website. This site is the one I referenced at the workshops as the future 'one-stop-shop' for counselors. Please explore the site and know that I am receptive to suggestions for topics, inclusions, maneuverability, etc. Also keep in mind that changes are being made daily but there may be small delays in postings at times.

I think your most commonly referenced pages will be at the [Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program](#) page that will also include relevant information on resources and issues related to the Academic, Career, and Personal/Social domains. On the site, we've shown preliminary examples of resources provided by counselors for each domain and will continue to build this section as we receive suggestions and resources from you. The benefits and use of the counselor website will be determined primarily by the quality and quantity of resources submitted by counselors so please consider what YOU are doing with your comprehensive program that you're willing to share.

Also debuting today is the **Elementary GUIDANCE LISTSERV**! You now have options to remain on the current LISTSERV that will be considered the Secondary GUIDANCE LISTSERV, join the Elementary LISTSERV, or subscribe to both. Instructions for subscribing/unsubscribing and important instructions on LISTSERV etiquette for all subscribers are found at [Join the Guidance Listserv](#) Please note that anything you submit to the Guidance LISTSERV may be selected for inclusion on our Guidance and Counseling Program website.

Another primary use of the website will be the posting of information referenced in my monthly updates to the LISTSERV. Links, rather than attachments, will be included for your reference. Some district e-mail systems filter large attachments so website links will provide easier access for all.

CHECK IT OUT:

1. **Bully** prevention/intervention www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov
(free Resource Kit, webisodes, etc.)
2. **AP/IB** Credit Change Policy from Commission on Higher Education
<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Educational-Services/Youth-Services/Guidance/GuidanceAcademic.html> (policies for credit awards of AP/IB courses at SC public colleges and universities)
3. "Children Live What They Learn: Statewide Domestic Violence Summit for Educators", Charleston November 2, register at www.sccadvasa.org
4. Easy reference to monthly Counselor Updates to LISTSERV
<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Educational-Services/Youth-Services/Guidance/GuidanceSchoolcounselorupdates.html>
(handouts, documents, power points, etc. for download)

I hope you enjoy the additions and changes and find that they will be of benefit to you and your students. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing many of you in Charleston at the SC School Counselor Association Conference!

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